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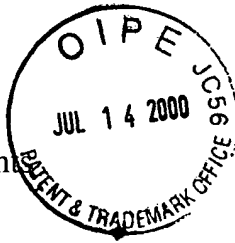
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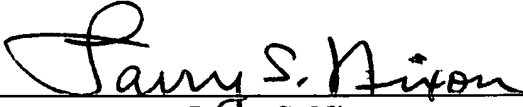
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**PROPOSED DRAWING AMENDMENTS**

Approval is request for the proposed drawing amendments shown in red on the attached photocopies.

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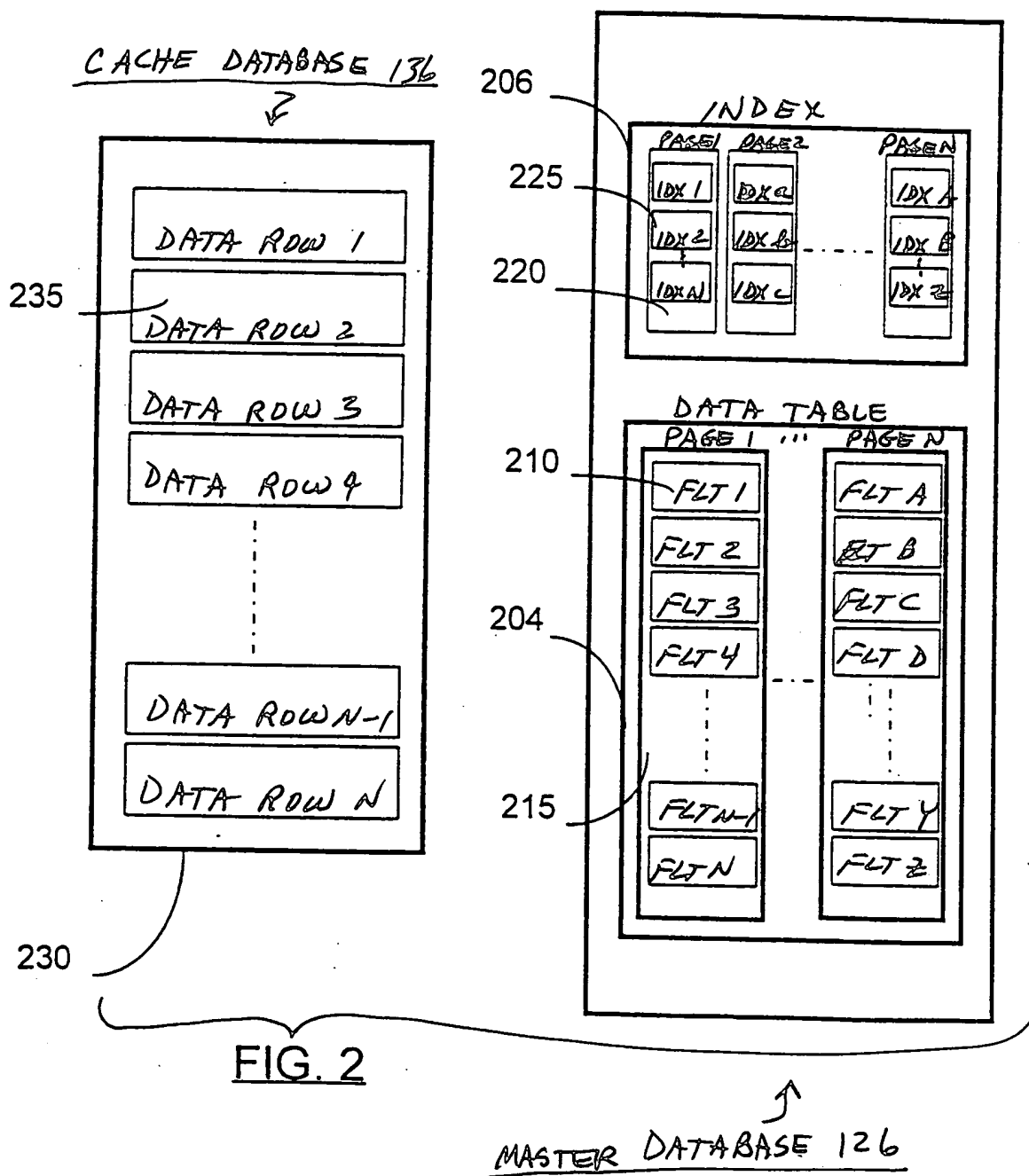
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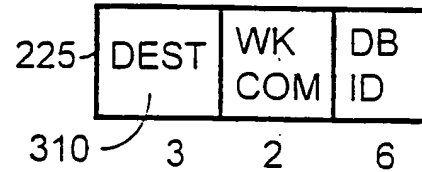
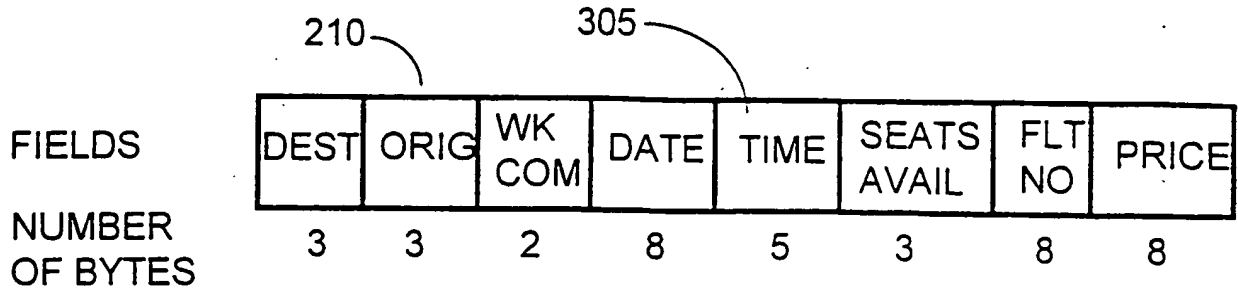


FIG. 3a  
(PRIOR ART)

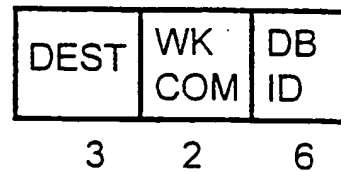
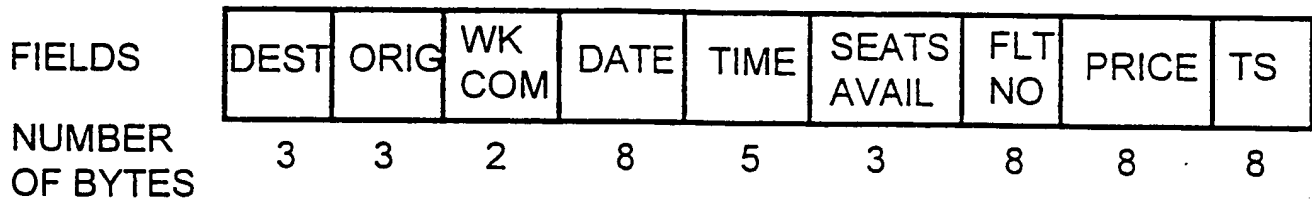


FIG. 3b  
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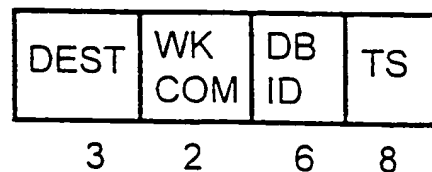
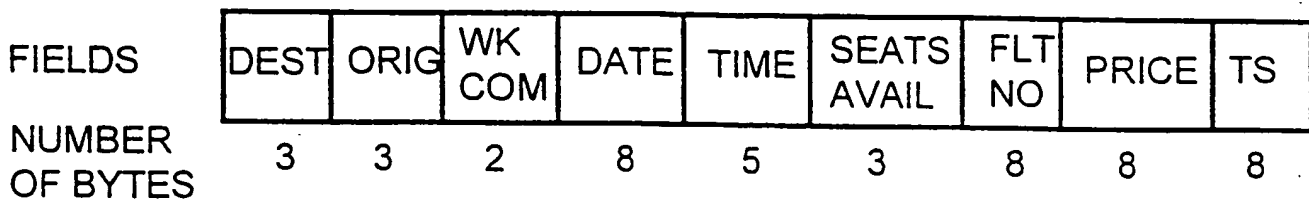


FIG. 3c

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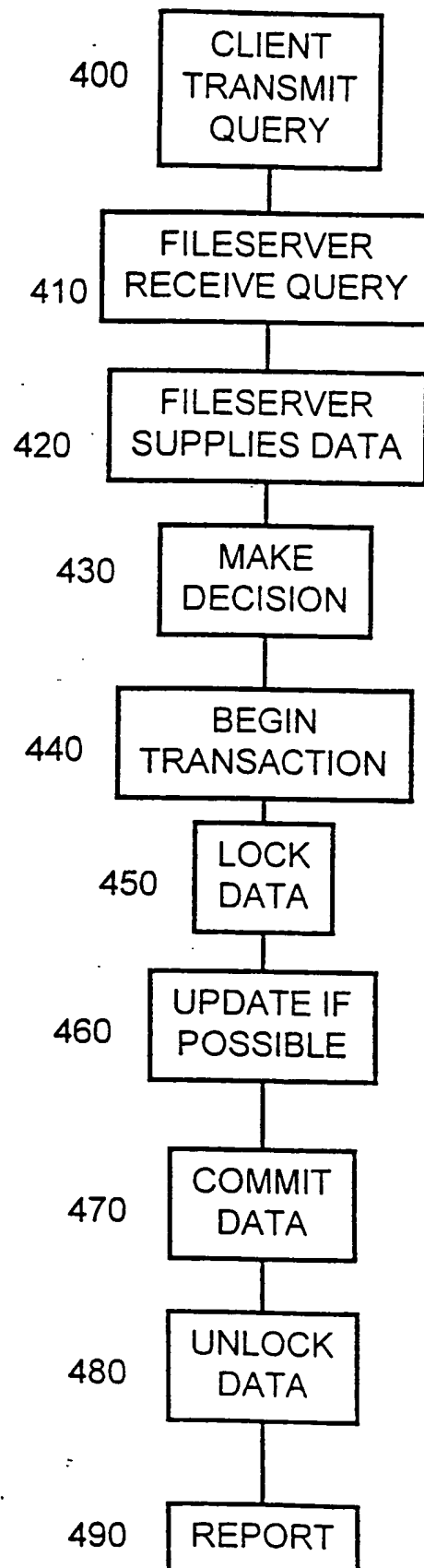
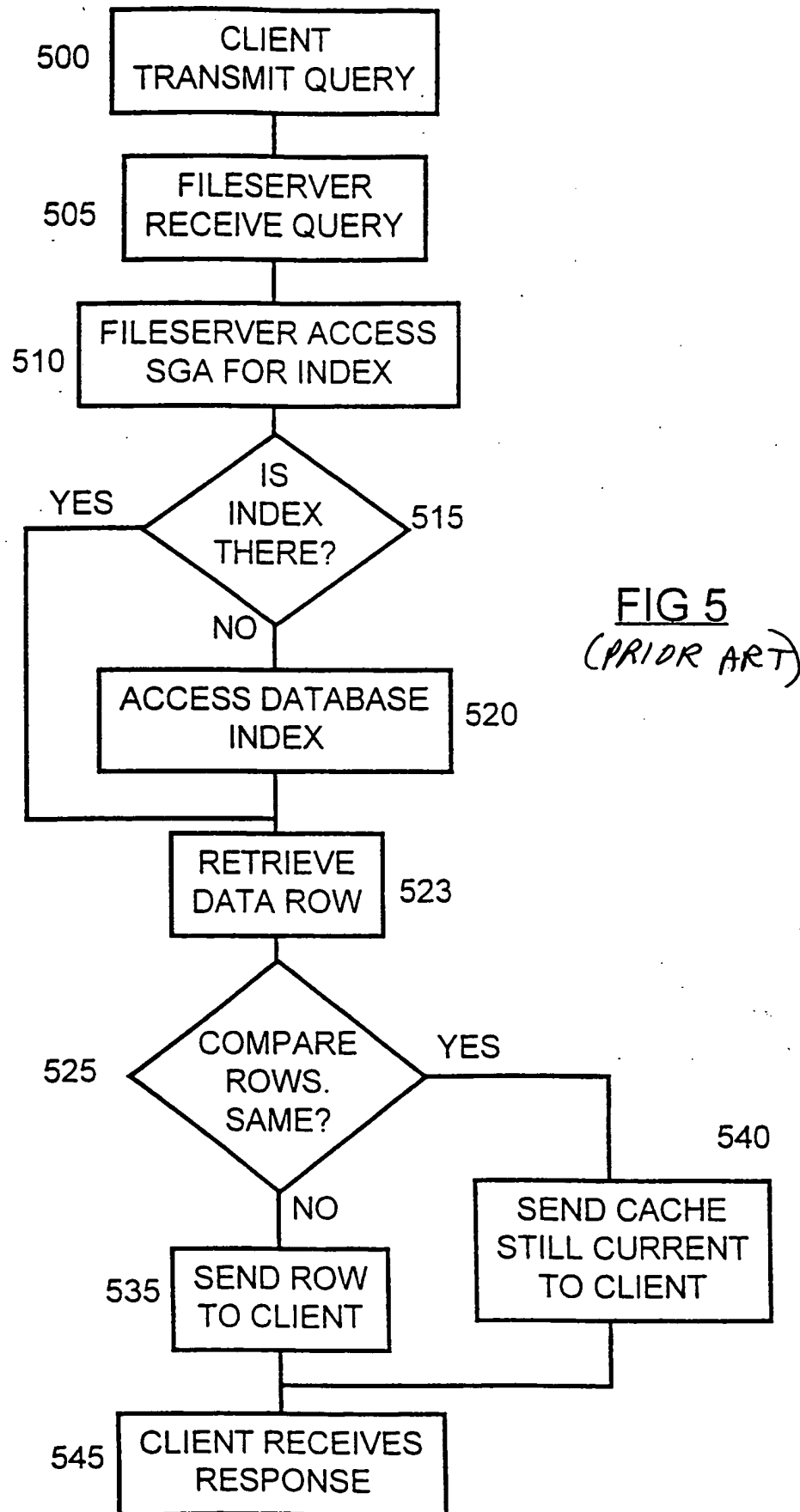


FIG. 4  
(PRIOR ART)

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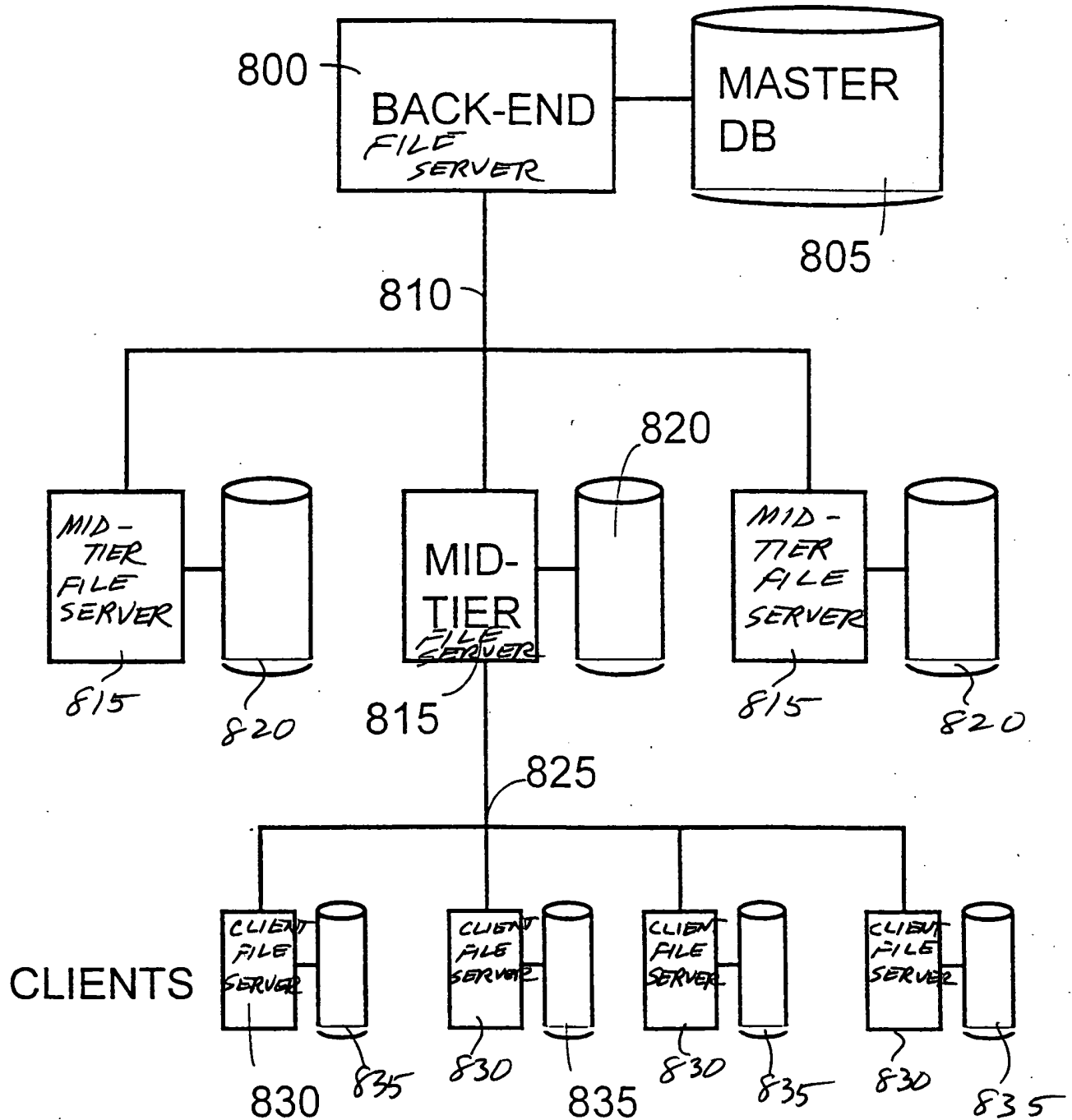


FIG. 8

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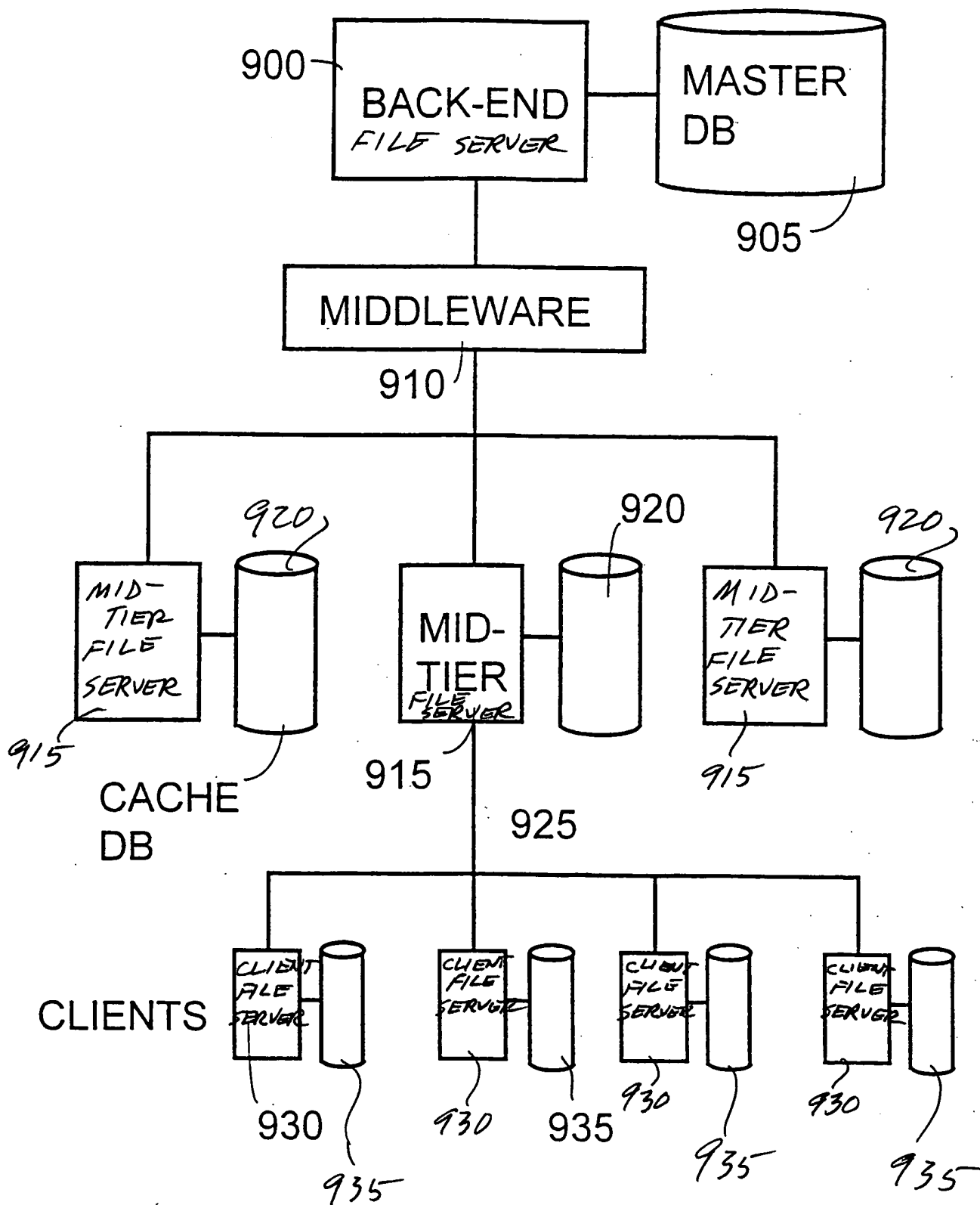


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